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RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper addresses the Office Action mailed October 1, 2002. Also submitted herewith is a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 of Rogerio A. Lobo, M.D. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested in view of the declaration and the following remarks.

Accompanying this response is a timely request for a three month extension of time under C.F.R. § 1.136, for a period up to and including April 1, 2003.

REMARKS

Claims 7, 11, 12 and 69 are now pending in the above-referenced application.

Claims 7, 11, 12 and 69 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,826,831, Re 36,247 (hereinafter, "Plunkett"). In rejecting claims 7, 11, 12 and 69, the Examiner relied on the reference in Plunkett to combine